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R 240812Z AUG 76
FM AMEMBASSY DAMASCUS
TO SECSTATE WASHDC 9240
INFO AMCONSUL KARACHI
AMEMBASSY BEIRUT

UNCLAS DAMASCUS 5601

E.O. 11652: N/A
TAGS: ACOM, APER, AFSP, SY
SUBJECT: STAFFING NEW C&R POSITION

REF: (A) STATE 190599, (B) STATE 205322 (NOTAL)

1. REF. (B) ADVISED THAT IT WOULD BE "MOST UNLIKELY"
THAT THE NEWLY AUTHORIZED C&R POSITION AT DAMASCUS (REF.
(A) WOULD BE FILLED BEFORE JANUARY 1977.

2. THE EMBASSY FINDS NO PROBLEM WITH THAT AS LONG AS IT
HAS THE SERVICES OF A TDY COMMUNICATOR. IN THAT CONNECTION,
UNLESS THE ORIGINAL PLAN HAS BEEN CHANGED, TDYER BRYON
HALLMAN, NOW HERE, SHOULD RETURN TO BEIRUT AND JOHN DAVIS,
NOW BEIRUT, WOULD COME HERE TDY UNTIL HALLMAN ELIGIBLE FOR
HOME LEAVE IN NOVEMBER , AT WHICH TIME DAVIS WOULD
RETURN BEIRUT.

3. WITHOUT A TDYER, A DELAY OF FIVE OR MORE MONTHS BEFORE
THE NEW POSITION IS FILLED WILL NOT MEET THE POST'S
MINIMUM NEEDS. THE HEAVY WORKLOAD WHICH PROMPTED THE IN-
SPECTORS TO RECOMMEND THE ADDITIONAL POSITION IS STILL
GROWING, AND TWO MAJOR PROJECTS ARE SCHEDULED TO BEGIN -
ONE IN AUGUST; ONE IN SEPTEMBER. THE TELEPHONE PROJECT
WILL TAKE APPROXIMATELY ONE MONTH; THE CCC CONSTRUCTION
PROJECT, APPROXIMATELY FOUR MONTHS. EACH OF THE PROJECTS
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WILL TAKE A GREAT DEAL OF EACH WORK DAY AND MANY WEEK-

END DAYS OF THE WORKING SUPERVISOR, AND PRECLUDE HIS
AVAILABILITY FOR SHIFTWORK.

4. IN LIGHT OF ABOVE, EMBASSY EMPHASIZES ITS NEED FOR
EARLIEST POSSIBLE ASSIGNMENT, ARRIVAL, DAMASCUS OF FOURTH
COMMUNICATOR SHOULD IT LOSE SERVICES OF TDYER.

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